Replacement of direct procurement system with income support system

2632. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for replacing the direct procurement system by supporting the farmers through income support system is being looked into;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a change;

(c) whether this is one of the aspects of the new foodgrains policy; and

(d) the specific advantages of the new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):

(a) No, Sir. No concrete proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of above.

Malpractices by jewllers

2633. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the recent survey conducted by BIS, it has been found that gold jewellery sold by almost leading jewellers in the country do not conform to the declared purity;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any concrete action against the jewellers who are selling sub-standard gold jewellery and cheating the public and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD):

(a) and (b) BIS conducted a survey in some of the major cities and out of 75 samples of jewellery tested, only 9 were found conforming to the claimed purity.

(c) Whether any action can be taken by BIS against those whose samples were not of the claimed purity is under examination of BIS.

Import of edible oils

2634. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the annual domestic demand of edible oils in the country, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of annual edible oils production in the country, State-wise;

(c) the quantity of edible oils imported during the last three years and the value thereof, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve production of edible oils in the country to avoid import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Data relating to State-wise domestic demand as well as production of edible oils are not maintained. However, annual domestic demand of edible oils and annual production of edible oils in the country during the year 2000-2001 has been 94.29 lakh metric tonne and 54.54 lakh metric tonne, respectively.

(c) Import of edible oils during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1998-1999	2621851	758892.58
1999-2000	4195638	804605.37
2000-2001	3974638	593275.74